



# Presentation to the Delta Stewardship Council May 12, 2011



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## Basic City Profile



- Population of approximately 83,000
- Total City limits is 13,900 acres
  - City limits within Secondary Zone of Delta: 10,000 acres
- Total Sphere of Influence is 13,000 acres
  - Sphere of Influence in Secondary Zone of Delta: 5,000 acres



## Key Sustainability Initiatives



- Reduced our Sphere of Influence by approximately 9 square miles that was situated predominantly in the secondary zone of the Delta, meeting new LAFCo policies.
- Focused new growth to the main I-205 freeway Corridor and the Byron Highway Corridor, which are planned jobs centers, capitalizing on existing infrastructure and planned new investment in infrastructure, including State Route 239



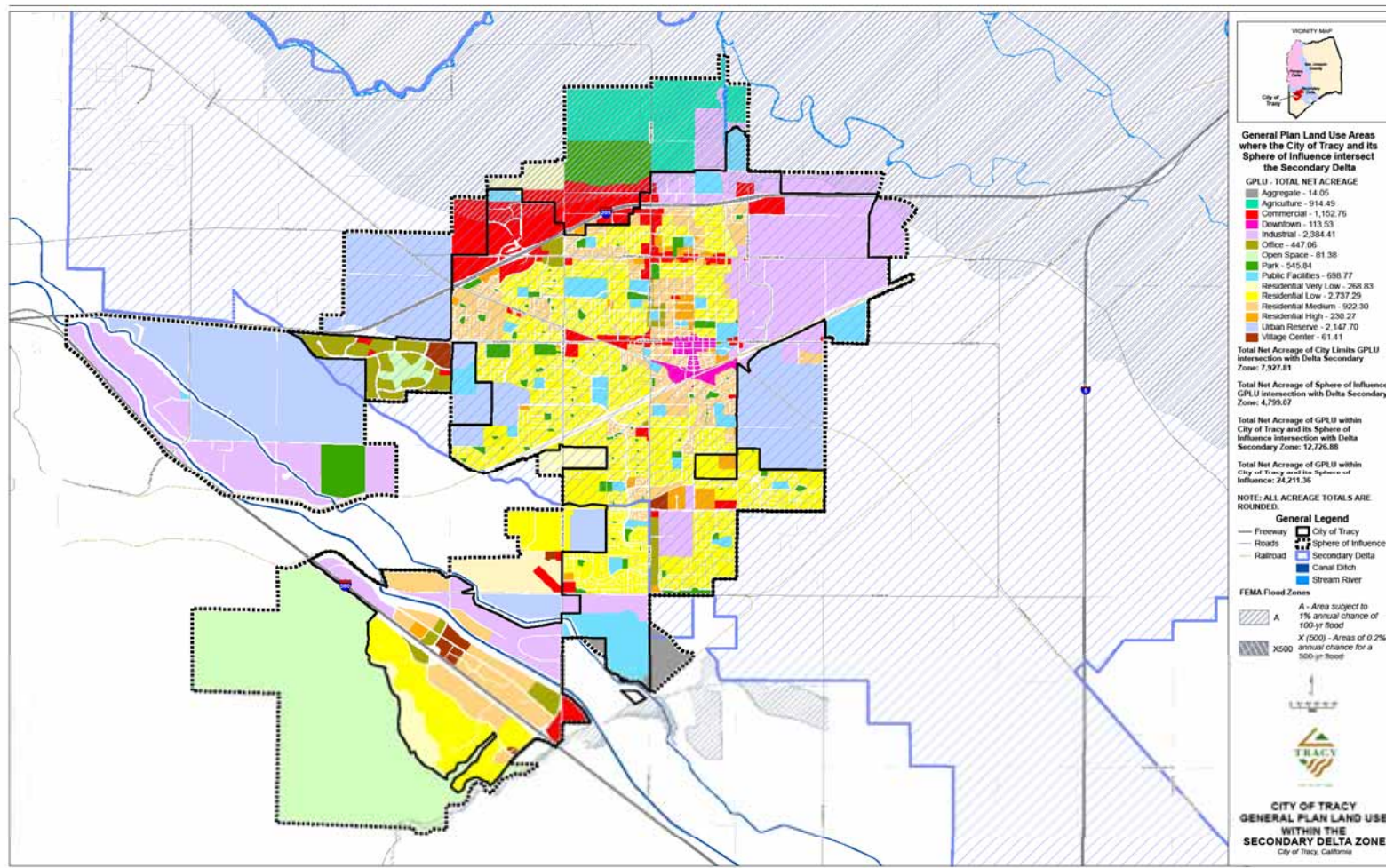
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- Growth has been planned away from the floodplain. Properties within our Sphere of Influence that are within the floodplain are either open space and recreational uses, existing county developments, or existing rural ranchettes
- Greenhouse Gas Reductions meet Air Pollution Control District targets – Recent APA Sustainability Award
- Strongest infill development policy since inception of the City Growth Management program in 1987, garnered a State Blueprint Award in 2009



## SOI, City Limits, Secondary Zone, 100 Year Flood Plan



## Water Planning Successes



Diverse and reliable water supplies including:

- Stanislaus River water from the South San Joaquin Irrigation District
- Central Valley Project water
- Groundwater



## Water Planning Successes



### Groundwater

- Decreased groundwater usage during the past six years.
- Groundwater pumping decreased from 7,700 acre-feet in 2004 to 500 acre-feet in 2010.
- Groundwater represents 3% of the total Tracy potable water demand.
- Tracy groundwater subbasin is full.





# Water Planning Successes



## Aquifer Storage and Recovery

- Pilot program that will allow banking of high quality surface water in the Tracy groundwater basin.
- A six month supply is anticipated to be banked.

## Semitropic Water Storage (Kern County)

- More than a six month supply is anticipated to be banked.



## Water Planning Successes



Tracy can withstand total shutdown of the Delta water supply for an extended period.

- Currently the entire Tracy water demand can be met absent any Delta water.
- In 2025, Tracy can withstand total shutdown of the Delta water supply for at least six months.



## Concerns with the Delta Plan



- One size fits all approach
- Local land use authority usurped through creation of a consistency findings process
- Determination of what constitutes a “covered action” is not clearly defined or tied to a measurable metric
- Onerous planning and reporting requirements for all aspects of water management
- Infill projects would have to comply with consistency findings process significantly slowing economic development



## Suggested Changes to the Delta Plan



Proposed addition to Chapter 3, page 37, line  
17:

The Council has also determined that projects  
meeting all of the following criteria do not result  
in a “significant impact”:



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1. The project is located within the existing boundaries of a city;
2. The project is carried out, approved, or funded by a city that is compliant with the regulatory policies relating to water supply reliability contained in WR P1, WR P2, and WR P3;



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3. Where it can be demonstrated by substantial evidence that the project does not adversely impact the opportunity for ecosystem restoration or flood management in the Delta; and
4. The project is located outside of the 100 year flood plain.

